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Title:

Secretion Suctioning Device and Kit for Intubated Patients

## <u>AMENDMENT</u>

To:

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Sir:

This amendment is in response to an Office Action mailed on December 27, 2002, in connection with the above-referenced patent application. Because this response is within the one-month time period for reply, Applicant believes no fees are due in connection with this submittal. Nevertheless, Applicant authorizes any fees to be charged to Hughes Hubbard & Reed Deposit Account No. 08-3264.

Please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 21-24 without prejudice.

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